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SUBJECT: UN OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-
COMMITTEE: OPENING SESSION

1. AT BRIEF AND UNEVENTFUL OPENING SESSION OF OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 14, MEMBER STATES ADOPTED PROVISIONAL AGENDA (A/AC.105/C.1/L.91) WITHOUT DISCUSSION AND AGREED ON PROGRAM OF WORK PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN (JOHN CARVER, AUSTRALIA). CARVER'S OPENING STATEMENT BRIEFLY REVIEWED MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN OUTER SPACE IN LAST 20 YEARS AND HIGHLIGHTED THE EVENTS OF 1976 INCLUDING: THE VIKING LANDINGS ON MARS, THE SOVIET SALYUT 5 AND SOYUZ 21 AND 24 MISSIONS, LAUNCHING OF PALAPA AND MARISAT SATELLITES, AND THE SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN OUTER SPACE. LUBOS PEREK, CHIEF OF THE OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS DIVISION, UN SECRETARIAT, AND KRISHNA MURTHY, UN EXPERT ON SPACE APPLICATIONS, DELIVERED STATEMENTS RESPECTIVELY ON DOCUMENTATION PREPARED FOR THE SESSION AND CURRENT/PROJECTED SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS (TEXTS BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT). AS NO DELEGATION WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT, GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BEGINS FEB. 15.

2. SUBSTANTIAL INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE BEFORE
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AND AFTER THE MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF USDEL ON THE STATUS OF THE GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT. PEREK PRIVATELY ASKED USREP DOYLE FOR OUR VIEW ON INCLUDING SUBJECT OF GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT ON STSC AGENDA. DOYLE OBSERVED THAT IN HIS VIEW IT IS PREMATURE TO EVEN RAISE THE ISSUE NOW BECAUSE IT IS TOO EARLY IN THE EVOLUTION OF SPACE SYSTEM USES TO PREDICT HOW MANY AND WHAT KIND OF USES CAN BE MADE. DOYLE QUES-

TIONED UTILITY OF EXAMINATION OF THIS MATTER AT THIS EARLY STAGE.

3. SWEDISH REP MARTIN INFORMED US THAT GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT WAS SUBJECT OF INTENSE DEBATE AT CLOSING SESSIONS OF ITU CONFERENCE WITH UN, AUSTRALIA AND OTHERS SUPPORTING US VIEW AGAINST CLAIMS OF EQUATORIAL STATES. DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF ANY REPORTING CABLE DEALING WITH THIS DEBATE.

4. GIVEN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ISSUE MAY BE RAISED NEXT WEEK UNDER ITEM 7 "OTHER MATTERS." DELEGATION REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO USE STATEMENT DELIVERED BY US TO ITU CONFERENCE (GENEVA 852) IF MATTER IS RAISED.
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